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EXAMINING GROUP 3731

Docket No. CRD-5056

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Craig Bonsignore Confirmation No.: 9527
Appln. No. : 10/688,171
Filed : October 17, 2003
Title : Stent Design Having Independent Stent Segments Which
Uncouple Upon Deployment
Art Unit : 3731
Examiner : Sonnett, Kathleen C.

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 1, 2006, please
amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin
on page two of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.